In so far as the Print Media is concerned, the Government does not interfere in matters relating to the Press. The Press Council of India (PCI) is a statutory authority established for preserving the freedom of the Press and for maintaining and improving the standards of newspapers and news agencies in India. PCI has set the Norms for Journalistic Conduct according to which newspapers/journalists shall not publish anything which is obscene, vulgar or offensive to public good taste.

The Government has enacted the Indecent Representation of Women (Prohibition) Act, 1986 to prohibit indecent representation of women through advertisements or in publications, writings, paintings, figures or in any other manner. In addition, legal provisions exist in various statutes to deal with indecent publications.

(d) The Government *vide* its Notification issued on 20.10.1999 prohibited the operation of cable television networks which were carrying the programme containing the foreign satellite channel "TB-6" throughout the country.

Action against erring employees of AIR, Aurangabad

2288. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have not taken any action against the erring employees of All India Radio, Aurangabad, as demanded by local journalists;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these journalists have undergone fast in protest against inaction;

(c) the action taken against the erring employees of AIR; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) It has been informed by Prasar Bharati Corporation that the allegations levelled by the journalist were looked into by an officer of the rank of Dy. Director

General in the Directorate of All India Radio. But these were not substantiated and therefore no action was taken.

Selection of Departments for Disinvestment

† 2289. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a decision has been taken to make disinvestment in the various departments under her Ministry;

(b) if so, the names of the departments selected for disinvestment, so far; and

(c) the basis laid down by Government for the selection of departments for disinvestment?

TH£ MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) No, Sir. The Government has not taken any decision regarding disinvestment of the Public Sector Undertakings under this Ministry.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of the (a) above.

Proposals received by Doordarshan

2290. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:

SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of proposals received by Doordarshan are pending scrutiny for a long time;

(b) the details of such proposals;

(c) the reasons for the delay; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.